374. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered that it is possible to cut down expenditure on "traffic control" by placing the force for traffic control under the direct supervision of the D. S. Ps. and that in that eventuality that force may be reduced?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The matter will be considered.

Assistant Engineer—Panchayat works.

375. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have abandoned their idea of appointing an Assistant Engineer to look after, supervise and be in charge of Panchayat works; if so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the abandonment or change; will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for not yet appointing Assistant Engineer for the purposes afore-said?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The idea has not been abandoned. The appointment had to be deferred in view of the financial stringency.

Allegations—Trichur Civil Hospital.

376. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to an article in the Gomathi subscribed to by Mr. P. Chandrsekara Menon, B. A. & B. L., Municipal Councillor, making reference to certain alleged scandals about the Trichur Civil Hospital and accusing the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of inaction in the matter;

(b) whether Dr. A. R. Poduval is not the present Civil Surgeon of the Trichur Civil Hospital;

(c) whether they are aware of the fact that the said Mr. P. Chandrasekara Menon, B. A. & B. L., is the direct brother-in-law of the Civil Surgeon Dr. Poduval?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Government Schools—Classes—Strength, etc.

377. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list showing:—

(a) the number of Government schools (excluding Industrial Schools, in the State in 1106;

(b) the number of classes in each school, and divisions, if any, to each class;

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